



# THE MESSENGER

Extra Edition #258 2025



## April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Council Meeting	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 9:30 Set up for Yard Sale	12 Yard Sale
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 50's Luncheon
27	28 Bingo!	29	30	1	2	3

### Lions Schedule

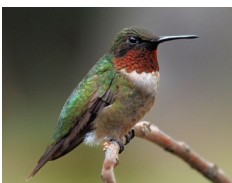
April

30 Executive Board

**Date change for May– Achievement Night will be May 15th, please mark the date change on your calendars**

May

7 Sunny Circle  
14 Monrovia  
21 Amici  
28 Friendly Neighbors



Hello!

Happy Friday! I hope everyone has had a wonderful week so far. We have had some beautiful weather! It's so nice seeing green everywhere again and knowing it's going to be green for awhile now. I got my first hummingbird of the season! Spring just gives you such a boost!

Monday is BINGO! and a couponing lesson with Diana Stone. Tomorrow is the 50's luncheon with the Monrovia Club. Both sound like a lot of fun!

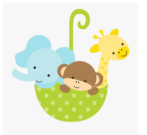
If you have anything you would like to submit for the newsletter, please send it my way by Thursday. Thank you for the submissions for this newsletter, I appreciate it!

Have a great weekend,

Amy



The Friendly Neighbors Homemakers surprised Olivia Vaught with a Baby Shower at their April meeting. Olivia was hostess for this meeting. Prior to the business meeting she served the members a salad, homemade hamburger helper dish, and a delicious carrot cake.



### Achievement Night is coming up! Do you have your Heritage Skills ready?

The 5 Heritage Skills include: Basketry, Quilling, Leather Work, Scrimshaw and Nature Dyeing.

The Nina Lee Harris Memorial Cultural Arts Award was set up to honor the memory of NLH, her love of IEHA and the Cultural Arts.

The monetary award is presented each year at May Day (this year Achievement Night) by a member of the Harris family.

A project shall be presented with a written report featuring brief instructions as to how the item was made, materials needed to complete the project and where information was found.

These projects do not go to IEHA Conference. If you have additional questions, contact Cindy Harris Saferight at 317-682-7062. Happy Crafting!

### Achievement Night: Turn in your special project – Placemat

The special project for Home & Family Conference 2025 will be a single placemat. Guidelines: up to 14 x 20 inches is the maximum, however, you can make it smaller. It can be rectangle, oval, round just as long as it is not over 14 x 20. You can use any medium you like: plastic canvas, crochet, knit, quilting, whatever you desire. There is so much talent out there! The committee hopes to see a lot of creativity!!

## **Morgan County Extension Homemakers Council Meeting-04/01/2025**

The Council met at the Wilbur Kendall Room, 4-H Building at 10:00am. Those attending were President Denise Walker, Treasurer Tura LaMar, Secretary Diann Vanzant, Past President Cindy Saferight, Education/Scholarships/Grant Chair Helen Smith, Membership Chair Sheila Puckett, 4-H Representative Amy Runkel. Clubs were represented: Amici President Tura LaMar, Friendly Hearts President Karen Ritter, Friendly Neighbors President Diann Vanzant, Monrovia President Denise Walker.

The meeting was opened by President Denise Walker followed by leading the Pledge of Allegiance, The Homemakers Creed, IEHA Mission Statement and devotions. Roll call was taken by Secretary Diann with 8 Council Members present. Secretary Diann read the Minutes from our last meeting of 03/04/2025. Two minor corrections were made. Cindy made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. It was seconded by Karen. The Treasurer's Report dated 3/31/2025 was read by Treasurer Tura. An ending balance of \$4,511.07 was reported in the General Fund. A motion was made to accept the report by Karen. It was seconded by Sheila.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Spring Fling: It was reported that 23 were present. Friendly Neighbors were very pleased with the attendance. Everyone had a good time painting their Rabbit Plaque.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

IEHA Spring District Meeting, April 2: Hamilton County - Eight members are planning to attend. We discussed how we would carpool for the event.

Rummage Sale, April 12: Cindy – Four people have cancelled but Cindy is working to fill them. Twelve vendors confirmed. Advertising signs and newspaper ads have been done. Clubs need to remember to bring soups and cookies.

Monrovia Fifties Luncheon Scholarship Fundraiser, April 26: Denise – All are invited to attend at the Monrovia Christian Church.

Bargain-Shopping Bingo, April 28: Cindy – This is on a Monday at 10:00 at the WKR. Call the Extension Office (342-1010) to register, no charge and the Council will be furnishing salads for lunch.

i-Lead – April 29: Hancock County Public Library, New Palestine – Denise reported 17 are signed up.

Achievement Night, May 15: Tura – Reported the event will begin registration at 6:00 with program beginning at 6:30. It was decided it would be nice for each club to make name tags with a spring theme. Each Club will talk about their achievements for the year and maybe have a poster to illustrate their achievements. No pitch-in, food will be supplied by the host club, Amici.

Special Project for Home & Family Conference, June 2-4. Denise reminded everyone that the placemat projects will be judged by people's choice on Achievement Night. Heritage skill projects are also due then with the winner selected by the sponsor Cindy Saferight in honor of her Mother.

Red Manual Remediation Teacher Grant, PR, Moneymaking Project Job Descriptions Historian Job Description  
It was decided that the Executive Board will work on these after their meetings and report to the Council their results.

## PROGRAM OF WORKS

Cultural Arts/Heritage Skills – Cindy - A list of this month's Events will be published in the next Newsletter.

Education/Scholarships/Grants – Helen \_ Marla Kemp from Mooresville Christian Academy will receive our April Grant

Health/Nutrition/Safety

Historian

Leadership/Citizenship – Denise

Membership – Sheila – None

Money Making Project – Cindy - Tura said we could do "Dine to Donate" at our local Culver's.

Public Relations – Kiley

Volunteer/Community Support – Olivia

4-H Council Representative – Amy

Amici – Tura – Reminded everyone to come to Achievement Day on the 15th of May.

Friendly Hearts – Karen – Reminded everyone to continue to pray for Joyce and Margret (broken Hip)

Friendly Neighbors – Diann - Looking forward to our annual eat out in May plus touring the Fire Department and Police Department

Monrovia – Denise – Fifties Luncheon

Sunny Circle – Cindy – Short Holiday Program discussion, chair exercises Video and a Tour in May

Krafty Krew – Cindy

Walking Club – Amy – Keep Walking!!!!

Tura reported an increase in the budget for Baker's Best from \$340 to \$400. A motion was made by Tura and seconded by Helen to approve. Baker's Best will be Apple – get to baking!

## ADJOURN

Diann Vanzant, Morgan County Extension Homemaker Secretary

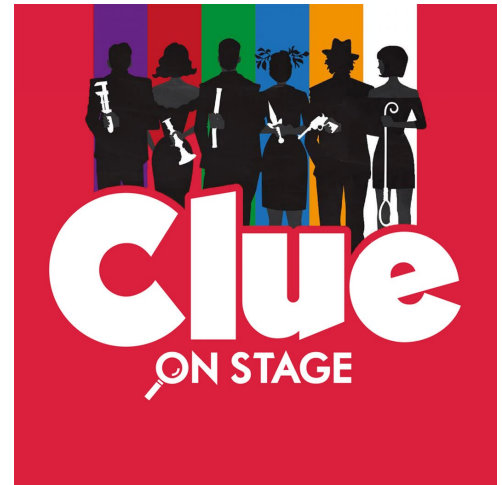


The Friendly Neighbors Homemakers contribute goods to the various community organizations at each monthly meeting. In March hygiene items were donated to Desert Rose and in April non-perishable items were collected to go to the Morgantown Food Pantry.





If you have not called the office to register, please call today, you can also send me an email to register and I will be happy to add you to the list.–  
Thank you!



**Clue The Musical**

**Martinsville High School**

**Tickets: \$10**

Martinsville High School's Artesian Theatre group will present Clue The Musical, based on the Parker Brothers Board Game, on April 25-27. Performance times will be at 7 pm on Friday and Saturday with a matinee performance on at 3 pm on Sunday.



Join the Martinsville Community Band for their Spring Concert on Monday, April 28, beginning at 7pm. The concert will take place at the First Baptist Church in Martinsville, located at 1109 E. Columbus Street. Admission is free; donations are accepted. This year's Spring Concert theme is "A Concert that is Out of This World." Join them for an evening of fun on the edge of the galaxy as they perform music from some of your science fiction favorites!



**2nd Annual Jimmy Nash Craft Fair**

Martinsville Parks and Recreation will host their 2nd Annual Craft Fair at Jimmy Nash City Park on Saturday, May 3, from 9 am to 3 pm. Come enjoy browsing local craft and artisan booths featuring a variety of handmade items including art, jewelry, decor, fiber arts, and more!

## Arbor Day 2025: What and When is Arbor Day?

Arbor Day is a national holiday that **recognizes the importance of trees**. The most common way people celebrate Arbor Day is to get together in groups to plant trees.



### National Arbor Day is Friday, April 25, 2025

However many states observe Arbor Day on different days, based on the best tree planting times in their area.

**How Did Arbor Day Start?**-Julius Sterling Morton, a Nebraskan journalist who later became the U.S. Agriculture Secretary under President Grover Cleveland. Morton was an enthusiastic promoter of tree planting, had long championed the idea of a day dedicated to planting trees.

**Earth Day vs. Arbor Day-** Why are trees so vital to our lives? They prevent erosion, provide oxygen-rich air, and they give shade from the hot sun. These are just a few of the many reasons. They're also the reasons why we celebrate Arbor Day.

Arbor Day was started in April 1872 by J. Sterling Morton. Morton, a pioneer of the Nebraska Territory and a tree enthusiast, praised the benefits of trees and encouraged his fellow pioneers to plant them across the then dusty and treeless Nebraska landscape. He even went so far as to propose a tree-planting day to the State Board of Agriculture. And from that suggestion, the first American Arbor Day was born. Ten years later, Arbor Day had become so popular that it was named a Nebraska state holiday, and its date was changed to April 22nd—Morton's birthday.

Earth Day celebrates trees too, but also clean air, clean water, and the protection of our environment. The Earth Day movement kicked off in 1970 at a time when the public, including US Senator Gaylord Nelson, who would eventually become Earth Day's founder, was becoming aware of the dangers of pollution to human health and that of our environment.

**Why the Back-to-Back Dates?**- The very first Earth Day was actually celebrated on Arbor Day. As the story goes, Nelson settled on April 22 because he wanted to garner the attention of college students who were very active in anti-war movements at the time. The end of April was ideal since students wouldn't be preoccupied by spring break or final exams. But that likely wasn't his only reason for picking that date. Nelson may have been drawn to it, too, because of Arbor Day. With folks in many states already planning to honor Mother Nature on this day, his movement would win more appeal.

However, Arbor Day and Earth Day wouldn't share April 22nd for long. The Earth Day event was such a success, even among political leaders, that it led to a flurry of environmentally-friendly actions. One of those actions was the recognition of Arbor Day as a national holiday by President Richard M. Nixon. It was then that Arbor Day was uprooted from Morton's birthday and moved to the last Friday in April. It isn't exactly known why this was done, but Earth Day's overnight success may have had something to do with it.

After Earth Day has passed (April 22), we look to Arbor Day (the last Friday in April). Both events celebrate our natural environment, but are they the same? Despite their similar theme and their closeness on the calendar, Earth Day and Arbor Day are each their own unique holiday. -<https://www.farmersalmanac.com/arbor-day-trees>